

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Yoko KUMAGAI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 4957
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Application No.: 10/788,417	:	Group Art Unit: 2439
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Filed: March 01, 2004	:	Examiner: A. F. Tabor
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCELERATING PUBLIC-KEY CERTIFICATE VALIDATION		

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Mail Stop Interview
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following statement is provided in response to the Interview Summary mailed October 22, 2008, regarding the above-identified application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy that Examiners' Tabor and Zand extended to Applicants' representative in the telephone interview conducted on October 20, 2008.

Initially, Applicants' representative compared the process flow of the example of FIGS. 10 and 11 of the present application to the process flow disclosed by FIGS. 10 and 11 of the Fujishiro publication (US 2002/0046340). In particular, the process in the Fujishiro publication branches from the 'NO' decision in step S2002 in FIG. 10 directly to the step S2003 in FIG. 11 in which there is a notification to the requestor that the subject certificate is not valid. It was then asserted that, because Fujishiro only provides a notification of invalidity whenever the path is not in the database, Fujishiro does not provide the search etc. that are performed after the 'NO' decision at step S2002 in FIG. 10 of the present application, in the event the path is not in the database.

Applicants' representative then took the position that the processing in the Fujishiro publication does not meet claim requirements regarding performing a search in the event that the path is not in the database (step 6 of each independent claim) or any of the further processing recited in the independent claims that flow from that outcome (e.g. steps 7-9 of each independent claim).

In view of the above noted distinctions of the independent claims over Fujishiro, Applicants continue to submit that the present claims are novel and unobvious over Fujishiro.

No substantive agreement was reached, in the interview. However, the Examiners indicated that they would consider the analysis regarding distinctions over the art, from the interview, and may withdraw the prior anticipation rejection. The Examiners indicated a need for further consideration, including possibly a further search, before making a determination as to the merits of the claims.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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